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OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE-URBAN SECTOR GROUP-SUMMARY

REPORT OF NOVEMBER 7-9, 1973 MEETING

1. SUMMARY: STATEMENT ON TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS IN PLANNED COMMUNITIES ADOPTED. STUDIES ON EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS FOR URBAN GROWTH AND ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN AIRPORT PLANNING WERE PRESENTED; CONCLUSIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR ADOPTION AT NEXT MEETING. 1974 PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE: IMPROVEMENT OF CENTRAL CITY AREAS; STRATEGIES FOR URBAN NOISE ABATEMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS. CONGRESSMAN HAMMERSCHMIDT ATTENDED AS OBSERVER. NEXT MEETING: APRIL 24-26, 1974. END SUMMARY.

2. CONCLUSIONS ON TRANSPORT INNOVATIONS IN PLANNED COMMUNITIES ADOPTED AFTER AMENDMENT. ENVIRONMENT
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COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO RECOMMEND DESRESTRICTION.

3. PAPERS WERE PRESENTED ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS TO INFLUENCE URBAN GROWTH. FOLLOWING ASPECTS WERE COVERED: SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED CITIES; METROPOLITAN AREAS; URBAN LAND MARKETS; EVALUATION OF STRATEGIES. AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND CONCLUSIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GROUP AT THE SPRING 1974 MEETING.

4. STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN AIRPORT PLANNING WAS DISCUSSED, AFTER PRESENTATIONS ON PARIS-NORTH AIRPORT AND THE MAPLIN-LONDON AIRPORT. SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, AND THE STATEMENT WAS REFERRED BACK FOR REDRAFTING TO KAI LEMBERG, CHAIRMAN OF AIRPORT WORKING PARTY. EITHER INCORPORATING AMENDMENTS OR, IF NOT FEASIBLE, INCLUDING THEM IN A MINORITY STATEMENT. PAPER WILL BE RESUBMITTED SPRING 1974.

5. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION SUBMITTED PROJECT FOR INCLUSION IN 1974 PROGRAM ON ASSESSMENT OF LOW-COST IMPROVEMENTS OF OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT IN EXISTING URBAN AREAS. THIS PROPOSAL ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. PROJECT WILL START SPRING 1974 LEADING TO SECTOR GROUP DISCUSSION AT FALL 1974 MEETING.

6. OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED:

A. REPORTS ON ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGIES FOR URBAN NOISE ABATEMENT, TO BE CONSIDERED AT SPRING 1974 MEETING.
B. DETAILED PROGRAM FOR INVESTIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS (A SET OF MEASURES OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY) TO BE SUBMITTED AT SPRING MEETING, AND BACKGROUND PAPERS AT FALL 1974 MEETING.
C. PROPOSAL FOR POLICY ANALYSIS OF LAND USE PLANNING AS AN INSTRUMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY WAS ENDORSED BY SECTOR GROUP WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE INITIATED BY SECRETARIAT WITH SUPPORT OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF INTERESTED NATIONS.

7. ON NOMINATION OF US DEL LEMBERG (DENMARK) ELECTED CHAIRMAN. GODCHOT (FRANCE) AND NEUTZE (AUSTRALIA) ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMEN TO JOIN SCIMEMI (ITALY) STECKEWEH (WEST GERMANY) ON BUREAU. PARLOUR (CANADA) BRITTON (U.S.), RETIRING CHAIRMAN AND VICE- CHAIRMAN, WERE WARMLY COMMENDED BY THE GROUP FOR THEIR DEVOTED EFFORTS AND EFFECTIVE
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LEADERSHIP.

8. US DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF: T.R. BRITTON (HUD), REPRESENTATIVE; J. HEDLUND (HUD) AND P. BRACE (HUD URBAN AFFAIRS OFFICER IN PARIS) ADVISERS. ATTENDING THE MEETING AS OBSERVERS WERE: CONGRESSMAN J. HAMMERSCHMIDT OF HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE; J. OBERSTAR AND R. PAUL OF COMMITTEE STAFF AND R. EDMAN, COMMITTEE CONSULTANT.BROWN

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